

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application)
KAMOSHIDA *et al.*)
Application Number: TO BE ASSIGNED)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claim 8 currently on file with the following amended claim:

8. (Amended) The liquid crystal display device as recited in claim 6, wherein the transparent conductive material layer comprises an ITO film.

Please add the following claim.

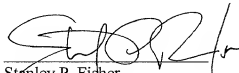
14. (Added) The liquid crystal display device as recited in claim 7, wherein the transparent conductive material layer comprises an ITO film.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 8 and added claim 14. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

In view of the above amendments Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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formed in the pixel region.

6. The liquid crystal display device as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the gate signal line and drain signal line is comprised of either aluminum or a material containing it, its terminal section is exposed from said protective film, and a transparent conductive material layer is formed at such exposure portion.

7. The liquid crystal display device as recited in claim 2, wherein the counter voltage signal line is comprised of either aluminum or a material containing it, its terminal section is exposed from said protective film, and a transparent conductive material layer is formed at such exposure portion.

8. The liquid crystal display device as recited in claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the transparent conductive material layer comprises an ITO film.

9. A liquid crystal display device comprising, in a liquid crystal side pixel region of one substrate of respective substrates as disposed to oppose each other with a layer of liquid crystal material interposed therebetween, a thin-film transistor which is driven by a scan signal from a gate signal line; a pixel electrode to which an image signal from a drain signal is supplied via this thin-film transistor; a protective film formed to also cover said thin-film transistor and the pixel electrode; and a resin film formed on or over an upper surface of this protective film, wherein: